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Adoption of the report of the Preparatory Committee on its first session

Draft report

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Organizational and other matters

A. Opening and duration of the session

1. In accordance with General Assembly resolution 64/236, the Preparatory Committee for the United Nations Conference on Sustainable Development held its first session from 17 to 19 May 2010. The Committee held ___ meetings, as well as a number of meetings of its two Contact Groups and associated activities.

2. The session was opened by the Under-Secretary-General for Economic and Social Affairs, Sha Zukang.

B. Election of officers

3. At its 1st meeting, on 17 May 2010, the Preparatory Committee elected the following members of the Bureau by acclamation:

Co-Chairs:
John Ashe (Antigua and Barbuda);
Park In-kook (Republic of Korea)

Vice-Chairs:
Maged Abdelaziz (Egypt);
Ana Bianchi (Argentina);
Jiri Hlavácek (Czech Republic);

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Asad Majeed Khan (Pakistan);
John Matuszak (United States of America);
Charles Thembani Ntwaagae (Botswana);
Tania Valerie Raguž (Croatia);
Paolo Soprano (Italy)

4. Also at its 1st meeting, the Preparatory Committee was informed that Tania Valerie Raguž (Croatia) would also assume the responsibilities of the Rapporteur of the session.

5. At the same meeting, the Preparatory Committee was informed that the Permanent Representative of Brazil to the United Nations, Maria Luiza Ribeiro Viotti, would also serve as ex officio member of the Bureau of the Preparatory Committee, on behalf of the host country.

6. Also at the same meeting, an opening statement was made by the Co-Chair, Park In-kook (Republic of Korea).

C. Agenda and organization of work

7. At its 1st meeting, on 17 May 2010, the Preparatory Committee adopted the provisional agenda for its first session, as contained in document A/CONF.216/PC/1, and approved its organization of work, as outlined in an informal paper, circulated in English only. The agenda was as follows:

1. Election of officers.
2. Adoption of the agenda and other organizational matters.
3. Progress to date and remaining gaps in the implementation of the outcomes of the major summits in the area of sustainable development, as well as an analysis of the themes of the Conference.
4. Organizational and procedural matters.
5. Draft rules of procedure of the Conference.
6. Adoption of the report of the Preparatory Committee on its first session.

8. Also at its 1st meeting, the Preparatory Committee approved the establishment of the following contact groups: Contact Group I, to review the preparatory process, including organizational and procedural matters leading up to the United Nations Conference on Sustainable Development in 2012; and Contact Group II to review the draft rules of procedure for the Conference.

9. At the same meeting, the Preparatory Committee further agreed that Contact Group I would be co-facilitated by the Vice-Chairs Paolo Soprano (Italy) and Asad Majeed Khan (Pakistan), and that Contact Group II would be co-facilitated by the Vice-Chairs Ana Bianchi (Argentina) and John Matuszak (United States of America).

10. At the same meeting, statements were made by the representatives of Yemen (on behalf of the Group of 77 and China), Spain (on behalf of the European Union), Canada (also on behalf of New Zealand), Brazil, Switzerland, Japan, the Bolivarian Republic of Venezuela and the United States of America.

11. Also at the same meeting, statements were made by the representatives of the United Nations Environment Programme and the United Nations Development Programme.

12. At the same meeting, statements were made by the representatives of the following major groups: Women; Children and Youth; Indigenous People; Non-Governmental Organizations; Local Authorities; Workers and Trade Unions; Business and Industry; Scientific and Technological Communities; and Farmers.

D. Attendance

13. The session was attended by representatives of ____ States members of the United Nations. Observers for other States Members of the United Nations and for the European Union, representatives of organizations of the United Nations system and observers for intergovernmental, non-governmental and other organizations also attended. A list of participants will be issued in document A/CONF.216/PC/INF/1.